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Hank -

The subject of providing SIGINT to non-oversight committees could come up at your breakfast tomorrow. In the attached memorandum, Lew Allen suggests all such requests be channeled through a designated person on the IC Staff and the responses flow back through the same person.

However, although he starts out talking about SIGINT, he ends up talking about this procedure to apply to all intelligence information going to non-oversight committees. [ ] and presumably [ ] interpret this recommendation to apply to CIA as well as NSA, DIA, etc. In other words, if we wanted [ ] to give a briefing to a non-oversight committee, it would have to be cleared with the IC Staff.

As you can see, there are a lot of problems here that need a lot of thought and study. We are not about to go through IC Staff in determining whether to provide CIA substantive briefings to Congressional Committees. Also, this could get the IC Staff into setting up their own Legislative Counsel rather than working through Cary's shop. Maybe this is desirable, but the pros and cons have to be weighed. How far does the DCI want to go in controlling and reviewing intelligence information made available to the Congress by the other agencies? If he wants to be responsive to Lew Allen and get IC Staff in the middle, how could this be done without impeding CIA's procedures?

Should Legislative Counsel continue to handle all the IC Staff business, etc., etc.? In sum, this proposal should be staffed out carefully within CIA and IC Staff before we present options and recommendations to the DCI.

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## Remarks:

Note General Allen's request for a timely response due to pressure to accommodate Senate Foreign Relations Committee request. Please prepare response for DCI signature.

D/ Executive Secretary

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